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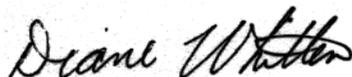
Dear Ms Daniels,

As a Nutrition Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension and member of the Society for Nutrition Education I want you to know that I support the recommendations of the National WIC Association as described in the "NAWD WIC Food Prescription Recommendations" and the "Culturally Sensitive Food Prescription Recommendations".

Of particular importance is the proposal to add whole fruits and vegetables. This would be consistent with the 5-A-Day nutrition education campaign to reduce the incidence of heart disease, cancer and obesity. Reauthorization of the WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program would also improve intake of fruits and vegetables.

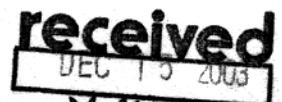
Considering the positive impact that WIC has had on the health of our nation's children from underprivileged families, I support full funding for the WIC program to reach all nutritionally-at risk eligible women and children with nutrition services and supplemental foods.

Sincerely,



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